

CONTEST OPENS September 24th



The NOAA Marine Debris Program would like your help in raising awareness about the global problem of marine debris. We're seeking original and inspiring artwork from students around the country to feature in the annual Marine Debris Program calendar. So grab your art supplies, be creative, and tell us:

1. How does marine debris affect you?
2. What are you doing about it in your community?

CONTEST RULES

Eligibility - All students in **grades Kindergarten through 8th grade** from all U.S. states and territories enrolled in recognized public, private, and home schools are eligible to participate. Schools, including home schools, must be in compliance with federal and state civil rights and nondiscrimination statutes. *Students must work individually.*

Criteria for Art & Description - Each entry must be composed of a piece of artwork **and** a description (on the entry form). **All must meet the requirements below.** Students are highly encouraged to check out the NOAA Marine Debris Program's website for information about marine debris: www.marinedebris.noaa.gov

ARTWORK & DESCRIPTION REQUIREMENTS:

1. One entry per student
2. The entries must be on a single sheet of 8.5" x 11" paper.
3. Use white, non-glossy paper; do not laminate.
4. Any art medium may be used (e.g., colored pencils, crayons, paint); however computer graphics will not be accepted. Artwork must be hand-drawn by the student.
5. Artwork must be flat (e.g., no glued pieces or glitter) and able to be scanned.
6. Avoid labeling debris items with any brand names in the artwork.
7. A description of no more than 50 words must accompany the artwork (space provided on the entry form).
8. Teachers may send in as many entries as they would like.
9. Label each entry on the back in pencil (marker bleeds through the artwork) with student's name, age and grade, along with the teacher's name, school name, address, and telephone number.

Entry Form - There should be one entry form filled out per student. Please ensure that the entry form is filled out completely and legibly. All entries (entry form + artwork) must be **submitted via mail (postmarked) no later than Saturday October 27, 2012.**

Competition Process - A NOAA awards panel will collect all entries and select six from each grade category (K-5 and 6-8) and one overall winner. Entries (artwork and description) will be judged on the creativity, artistic presentation, and relevancy to the theme.

Entries (entry form + artwork) should be mailed to:

Marine Debris Art Contest
ATTN: Asma Mahdi
NOAA Marine Debris Program
1305 East-West Highway, SSMC4, 10th Floor
Silver Spring, MD 20910

If you have any questions, please
contact Asma Mahdi at
(301) 713-4248 x235 or
Asma.Mahdi@noaa.gov.

For more information, visit www.MarineDebris.noaa.gov

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Student First and Last Name: _____

Age: _____ Grade Level: _____

Teacher's Name: _____

School Name (or home school): _____

School Address: _____

State/Territory _____ Zip code: _____

School/Teacher Phone #: (____) _____

Teacher Email Address: _____

Please ensure accuracy as this information will be used to contact winners.

Parent Name: _____

Parent Address: _____

State/Territory _____ Zip code: _____

Parent Phone #: (____) _____

Parent Email Address: _____

Artwork Description:

Art Medium Used (e.g., colored pencils, crayon, paint): _____

Description (50 words max; please print legibly) – How does marine debris impact you and what are you doing about it?:

PLEASE READ

Submission of this entry implies permission to use the student's name (first name and last initial) in materials announcing results of the contest and in any use by the NOAA Marine Debris Program of the artwork in their publications and website.

☐ Check here if you **do not permit** use of the student's name (first names and last initials) and school in the above mentioned items.

*Please note that entries will not be returned.

For more information, visit www.MarineDebris.noaa.gov